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Home Care Options for People with HIV/AIDS:

*If you had a choice between
living in an institution
or at home, which would
you choose?*

Providing options for
people HIV/AIDS to
receive economical and
humane care in the home
instead of in a hospital or
nursing facility is the goal
of the Home Services
Program operated by the
Illinois Department of
Human Services.





What Is Home Services?

Home Services provides assistance with personal care, medical care and other help around the house, enabling people with HIV/AIDS to live in their homes and communities with their families and friends.

Who Is Eligible for Home Services?

Any Illinois resident who as a result of having AIDS or HIV is unable to live without assistance is eligible for Home Services. The person must be eligible for Medicaid, have less than \$10,000 in non-exempt assets and be in need of hospital or nursing home care, but able to be cared for safely at home for less cost. There are no age restrictions and services are free.

What Services Are Available?

Personal Assistants (PAs): Help with household tasks, personal care and, with the permission of a doctor, some health care procedures. PAs are selected, employed and supervised by individual customers or guardians.

Homemakers: Household and some personal care from trained and professionally supervised personnel for customers unable to oversee a PA. Instruction and assistance in household management and self-care are also available.

Maintenance Home Health: Medical services prescribed by a physician or other health care professional. Other services include nursing care and physical, occupational and speech therapy.

Electronic Home Response: An emergency response signaling device rented from hospitals or community service agencies allows the individual to alert hospitals, firefighters or police of an emergency anytime day or night.

Home Delivered Meals: Both a hot lunch and a refrigerated evening meal delivered to homes of people who can feed themselves but are unable to prepare food.

Respite Care: Personal assistants or homemakers on a temporary basis, enabling family members and friends to take a break from care-giving duties.

Environmental Modifications: Minor home remodeling enabling people with HIV/AIDS to accomplish daily living activities with less dependence on other people.

How Does the Program Work?

Services are provided by community agencies affiliated with the Department of Human Services. Local agencies will also determine eligibility, develop and implement service plans, keep in weekly contact with clients and help them gain access to other community services. Where local agencies are not available, Department of Human Services counselors will manage the cases.



Confidentiality

All Department of Human Services customer information is strictly confidential. Community providers of Home Services will only be told the functional and/or medical needs of customers, not their medical diagnosis.

For More Information:

For more information on how Home Services can help you live with AIDS, call the Department of Human Services AIDS Administrative Unit at 217-782-2722 (V/TTY) or, in the Chicago area, 708-857-2378 (Voice) or 708-857-2359 (TTY). You can also contact the Department of Human Services field office nearest you.



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For more information: Call or visit your local Human Services office

If you have any questions about any Department of Human Services (DHS) program, call or visit your local DHS office. We will answer your questions. If you do not know where your local DHS office is or you are unable to go there, call:

1-800-252-8635

1-800-447-6404 (TTY)

Illinois Department of Human Services
Bureau of Customer Inquiry and Assistance

Monday - Friday
(except state holidays)

Quick Answer System hours: 7:30 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Representatives available: 8 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

For answers to your questions,
you may also write:

Illinois Department of Human Services
Bureau of Provider Assistance and
Correspondence
100 South Grand Avenue, East
Springfield, Illinois 62762

Visit our website at:

www.state.il.us/agency/dhs



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